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BORNER, of a son.

DEATHS.

On the 25th June, NALIN, the beloved wife of
H. G. MOSLEY, of Shanghai, aged 38
years.
On the 26th June, at the Victoria Nursing
Home, Shanghai, EMME, the beloved wife of
ERNEST L. ALLEN, Shanghai Municipal Council.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DES VŒUX ROAD CL.
LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.

HONGKONG, 2ND JULY, 1904.

The Sanitary Board's abortive prosecution of the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company for failing to carry out the orders of a sanitary inspector made it imperative that the Board should reconsider the system under which the prosecutions are instituted. At Thursday's meeting Mr. Hewett gave the Board that opportunity by moving that in future no prosecutions should be instituted by sanitary inspectors until such action has been approved by the President, or, in his absence, the Vice-President of the Board. The President, however, entered upon a somewhat lengthy defence of the system, and a resolution to maintain it in force was carried, but only by the President's casting vote. The decision, we think, is to be regretted. So far from the President's speech destroying Mr. Hewett's case against the system, it obviously strengthened it. No other Board that we are acquainted with entrusts its officers by a general resolution to institute prosecutions without the knowledge and consent of such Board. The usual procedure at home is for the sanitary inspectors to report all contraventions of the Public Health Acts or local bye-laws to the chief sanitary inspector, who when circumstances point to the necessity for legal proceedings, verifies the report and brings it to the notice of the Medical Officer of Health, who in turn reports the circumstances to a Committee of

the Board, who make recommendations to the full Board. Thus, when a prosecution takes place it is done with the knowledge and sanction of the whole Board. It is not so in Hongkong. As Mr. RUMJAHN says in his minute, "the correspondence of the department and practically all proceedings against offenders, real or supposed, are carried out in the name of the Board generally without the knowledge and consent of its members as a whole." The President himself in his speech admitted that had he been aware of the intention to institute a prosecution he could easily have explained matters and so probably avoided the necessity.

The case against the Godown Company was of no importance in itself, but when the sanitary inspectors prosecute an important public company they attract public attention to their methods, and the apprehension that similar mistakes or indiscretions are committed in many prosecutions taken against Chinese is natural, even though there is no evidence to justify an accusation. The Sanitary Board and its officials have a difficult work to discharge in a Colony like Hongkong, where it is very well known their operations are not widely appreciated by the Chinese, and it is extremely desirable that needless irritation should be carefully avoided. The motion made by Mr. Hewett would have provided a necessary safeguard, but Mr. RUMJAHN's proposal that the prosecutions should only be instituted with the approval of a committee consisting of the Medical Officer of Health and two unofficial members of the Board is perhaps to be preferred as it would bring the practice more into line with that which obtains at home.

The excitement of the debate appears to have led to some irregularity in the procedure, for it would appear from the reports that the only vote taken was "for and against the President's amendment." As a matter of fact, the President moved no amendment. "That the procedure remain as it is" is a direct negative, and had the President wished to move an amendment he would not have been in order, because there was one, moved by Mr. RUMJAHN and seconded by Mr. LAU CHU PAU, already before the meeting. Clearly a vote ought first to have been taken on Mr. RUMJAHN's amendment. There would have been no differences, however, in the ultimate result. The President's direct negative killed the two bills with one stone. The official vote was solid against change of any kind, and the casting vote of the President decided that no change in the procedure should be made. The procedure of the Sanitary Board in this as in some other respects is original and unique.

It is rumoured, says a Shanghai evening contemporary, that Russia has bought one of the Shanghai daily papers.

A branch of the Navy League is being organized in Colombo by Captain Legge, Master Attendant and Naval Agent.

The closing of the public-houses in Glasgow at 10 o'clock instead of at 11 o'clock on Saturday nights has resulted in a reduction of police arrests by nearly one-half.

Some of the towns in the New Territory, especially Taipei, where the streets are covered with mud about six inches deep, could well do with some attention from the Sanitary Department.

The census of the Philippines shows that the total population is 7,635,426, including 647,740 natives classified as wild and uncivilized. This is the first complete return ever made in the Philippine Islands.

In the Summary Court case, on Thursday, of Ko Wa Leung Koo v. Cheong San, Mr. Justice Sorecombe Smith gave judgment for the plaintiff; not in favour of the defendants as was erroneously stated.

The rains have caused a big landslip of some 50 or 60 tons at the culvert on the New Road some 400 yards from where it begins to ascend the hill beyond Yamnati. The road is almost impassable. Several other minor slips have also taken place.

After the Nanshan fight it was freely stated in St. Petersburg that the guns which had fallen into the hands of the Japanese were mostly old cannon taken from the Chinese when the Allies advanced to the relief of Peking, some of them made of leather!

The death is announced of Mr. G. P. Peachey, who was until about two years ago attached to the British Legation at Peking. He had since the Boxer troubles suffered greatly in health, and after unsuccessfully seeking to recuperate in Japan and New Zealand he went to the sanatorium on the Schatz-Alp, Davos Platz, where, to the great regret of his many friends in China and elsewhere, he died on April 29th from pneumonia. The funeral took place at Eastbourne, where his parents reside.

On the invitation of Mr. B. F. Howard, manager of the Carlton House, a new hotel just opened at 10, Ice House Street, a number of guests were entertained to dinner there last night. The hotel is finely furnished and the cuisine is excellent.

At the Metropole Theatre to-night Messrs. Ware and Ross's Company of Entertainers are announced to give the second of their Saturday evening entertainments. Numerous new turns will be introduced, and, given good weather, there should be a big attendance. Further particulars will be found in advertisement.

After his present Australasian tour, Paderecki was to have visited Japan, Shanghai, Hongkong and Singapore. This was before the war broke out, but afterwards it was not thought advisable to do so for the simple reason that Paderecki is a Pole and belongs to that part of Poland which is under the dominion of Russia.

The Buddhist priests of the temples, and the nuns of the convents in Canton and elsewhere, possess considerable property, upon the rent of which they live practically in idleness. The Viceroy has ordered this property to be assessed for taxation purposes, the proceeds being devoted to the maintenance of schools in Canton.

In the Supreme Court at Colombo the other day Mr. Justice Middleton, on mounting the bench, complained of the smell of cigar smoke in his court, and pointedly requested a Ceylonese Police Magistrate to put his cigar out. The Magistrate in question, who was seated at the bar table, was prepared to argue the matter, apparently for he rose with swagger and pertly informed his lordship that he was not "smoking" as suggested, but was "holding the cigar between his fingers." The Judge said nothing; but cigar, with the man, went outside!

Yesterday was Dominion Day, being the anniversary of the federation of the Canadian provinces in 1867. Previous to that date Northern and a part of Lower Canada, viz. the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, were federated, but Prince Edward's Island, Manitoba, British Columbia and the N.W. Territory were not admitted into the union till then. This is the great day of the year in Canada. There are about 20 Canadians in Hongkong, but the weather was too damp for pyrotechnics, and business too pressing to allow of a holiday.

The burial of a Chinese sailor named Yau Ho, who died on the s.s. *Hibernia* in London Docks, took place with weird rites at Plainford Cemetery a few weeks ago. Chinese workers, carrying small banners, or lanterns, on bamboo poles, and alternately chanting and dancing, followed the coffin to the graveside. After the coffin was lowered, rice, biscuits, and bread were thrown upon it, and then the grave was filled in with earth. It is the Chinese belief (says a London paper) that the sleeper will need the food when he awakens, and that the candles which he will find in his hands will guide him into the next world.

Indicative of the enterprise and prosperity which characterize the firm of A. S. Watson & Co., Limited, is the announcement which appears in our advertisement columns to-day that Mr. A. H. Mance, who has for many years been the Secretary of the Company, has been appointed Agent for the General Managers of the Company, to reside in Shanghai, and to have general charge of the Company's interests at Shanghai, Hankow, Tientsin and in North China. Mr. Mance, during his residence in Hongkong has made many friends, who, while regretting his impending departure from the Colony, will cordially congratulate him upon his promotion. Mr. J. A. Tarrant has been appointed Acting Secretary of the Company.

Sir Cyrrina Bridge's plea for a knowledge of the classics as "most useful to naval officers" serves to recall, says the *Westminster*, a famous incident in the career of Admiral Rodney. In the middle of one of our great sea fights Sir Charles Douglas, full of enthusiasm for the classics, said to Rodney, "Behold, Sir George, the Greeks and Trojans contending for the body of Patroclus!" to which the Admiral replied, "Damn the Greeks and damn the Trojans! I have other things to think of." After the battle was won, however, the brave old Rodney went up to Douglas and said, "Now, my dear friend, I am at the service of your Greeks and Trojans, and the whole of Homer's 'Iliad,' or as much of it as you please!"

By kind permission of Lt.-Col. Iremonger and officers, the Band of the 33rd Burma Infantry will play at the Hongkong Hotel this evening from 8 to 9.30 p.m. Programme:—

March..... "Romance"..... Gounod
Overture..... "Tannhauser"..... Bozzini
Selection..... "Dorothy"..... Collier
Intermezzo..... "Phryne"..... Healy
Selection..... "Three Little Maids"..... Rubens
Waltz..... "Kopala"..... Waldfuehl
Cake Walk..... "Jolly Negroes"..... Berger
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TELEGRAMS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

PHILIPPINE PEARL FISHERIES.

MANILA, July 1.

The control of the pearl fisheries at Sulu has been vested in the Moroland Council, licences being granted to Americans only.

THE LATE PAPAL DELEGATE.

MANILA, July 1.

The Rev. Father Conner, secretary to the late Archbishop Guidi, the Papal delegate to the Philippine Islands, has been recalled to the Vatican to confer with Cardinal Merry del Val, the Papal Secretary, concerning the affairs of the Church in the Philippines.

Archbishop Guidi before his death made a last appeal to the Aglipayans to return to the fold and threatened them with excommunication.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

ARMY DEBATE IN PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, 29th June.

In the House of Commons Army debate, Mr. Arnold Forster denied that recruiting had fallen off, but admitted that it was difficult to exaggerate the seriousness of the position due to the failure of men to extend their period of service. Fortunately the extensions in India had been adequate and the difficulty was not acute. The remedy consisted in substituting for the present system one more in harmony with the conditions of the Empire. Mr. Arnold Forster emphasised the complicated nature of Army reorganisation, especially the Indian problem; he believed the task of reorganisation was soluble, and was convinced that the question must soon be dealt with in a drastic manner. He asked members not to press unduly.

Mr. Balfour said the difficulties were only difficulties of detail, and he hoped Mr. Arnold Forster would be able to make a statement at no distant date.

RUSSIAN SUBMARINE SUNK.

LONDON, 29th June.

A St. Petersburg telegram says that thirty-two men yesterday entered the submarine *Delfia*, the normal of which was 131 men. The additional weight caused the boat to sink prematurely, and the lieutenant and twenty men were drowned. The *Delfia* was recovered.

COLLAPSE IN WANCHAI.

Following it is presumed, upon the recent heavy rains and gale portion of the house No. 1 Hau Fung Street, Wanchai, collapsed yesterday afternoon about three o'clock. The house, a large, well-built edifice, occupied by Mr. U Lai Woon, one of the best-known Chinese residents in the Colony, is a two-storey building comprising ground floor and upper floor. Without any warning, the roof above the south-west portion of the building came down with a crash into the bedroom beneath, and the debris of the roof together with the floor of the upper storey, which gave way under the strain, fell into the servants' quarters on the ground floor below, wrecking that part of the house completely. Fortunately there was no one in these two apartments at the time, so that the collapse was unattended with casualties. The greatest alarm, however, was occasioned among the people in the other rooms of the house, who made a hurried exit in the fear that the whole building was coming down. This fear luckily was not realised. The Public Works Department were promptly informed of the collapse, and two officers of that body who went down and inspected the premises gave it as their opinion that the fall of the roof had been caused by the ravages of white ants. The outside walls appeared sound, but nevertheless these were propped up and Mr. U Lai Woon's family removed to another house for the time being.

R. A. O. B.

At the regular meeting of members of the King Edward VII. Lodge (No. 919) of the Royal Ancient Order of Buffaloes, held in the R.A.O.B. Club 1, Queen's Road East, the following officers were elected:—

Sitting Prime, Prime Orlery;
City Secretary, Prime J. J. Blake (quarterly);
City Waiter, Prime A. Ratcliff (quarterly);
Asst. Waiter, Prime H. P. Madar (quarterly);
C. Marshall, Bro. Walston (monthly);
C. Tyler, Bro. Ismail (monthly);
C. Chamberlain, Bro. S. B. Smith (monthly);
C. Constable, Bro. Goldenberg (monthly);
C. Physician, Prime Fernie (monthly);
C. Register, Bro. Rogers (monthly);
C. Minister, Bro. MacLean (quarterly);
C. Aid. of Benevolence, Prime J. H. Thompson (monthly);
C. Taster, Bro. Setna (monthly).

After the election of officers a very pleasant evening was spent, the following brethren contributing to the harmony of the evening:—Bros. Walston, Cooper, Rogers, Goldenberg, MacLean and Primos Hyett, Goodhall and Orlery, the whole terminating with the National Anthem in the "wee wee" hours of the morning.

THE WAR.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

ARSENAL EXPLOSION AT CRONSTADT.

LONDON, 1st July.

A terrific explosion has occurred at the arsenal at Cronstadt causing great destruction.

SHIPS IN COLLISION.

LONDON, 1st July.

The *Nebron Maria* rammed the *Navarin* at Cronstadt on the port side. The injured vessel has been beached.

(The *Navarin* is a turretship of 10,200 tons displacement and 9,000 i.h.p., built at St. Petersburg in 1895.)

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

ARMY ORDER BY GENERAL KUROPATKIN.

LONDON, 29th June.

A St. Petersburg semi-official says that General Kuropatkin has issued an Army order at Liaoyang, directing the troops to treat the fallen or captured Japanese with a respect due to brave foes and to care for the wounded in the same way as they care for the Russian wounded.

The telegram adds that this is doubtless in response to the excellent treatment of the wounded Russians in the Japanese hospitals.

IMPORTANT JAPANESE MILITARY APPOINTMENTS.

Marshal Marquis Oyama, on the 23rd ult., was appointed Commander-in-Chief of all the forces in Manchuria; General Baron Kodama, Supreme Superintendent of the General Staff Office in Manchuria; while Marshal Marquis Yamagata has been appointed Superintendent of the General Staff Office (Tokyo), with Major-General Nagaoke Vice-Superintendent. THE "SAIDOMARU" LESS DAMAGED THAN ANTICIPATED.

The *Saidomaru* has arrived at Matsue, Island, at the entrance to the Shimonesaki Straits. Operations were at once begun to pump the water out of the vessel, a measure that was necessary to prevent the ship from sinking. It is stated that the stern was almost submerged, while forward the hull was six feet above water. The damage was all under water and invisible. Apparently no damage was done to the upper works. The masts remained intact, and the boats except one were missing. The Japanese flag was at the stern. Down below horses were heard neighing with fear and hunger. Three dead bodies were found on board. Sixteen signalmen remained on the *Sado* when the military officers left the ship and these men arrived by the steamer. The damage, it is added, is much less than was anticipated, and the vessel can be used in the service again upon being repaired.

UNWILLING SOLDIERS.
A Lemberg journal, the *Slovo Polske*, states that when the reservists of the Kharkoff district should have taken their departure for Manchuria they refused to enter the train until forced to do so by the troops. The female relatives of the reservists thereupon threw themselves on the rails. They were forcibly removed, but when the train started the women again threw themselves on the rails, with the result that many were severely injured.

RUSSIA AND CHINESE NEUTRALITY.
Count Lamsdorff had interviews with the representatives of the Great Powers last month in which he is stated to have laid particular emphasis on the attitude of China, referring to the necessity of all the Governments continuing the policy of constantly impressing upon Peking the advisability of preserving strict neutrality. The Minister desires that China shall be not only officially neutral, but that the people also shall refrain from interference in the war, and believes that this can be assured if any violation of the Imperial proclamations is swiftly punished. This expression of the Minister's views is regarded as specially significant, as they follow immediately on the renewed assurances of neutrality just given by the Chinese Minister.

The opinion is slowly crystallising in Russia that the attitude of the Chinese authorities and the activity of the Hunluses are tantamount to a state of war. The military expert of the *Nove Vremya*, expressing this view, added, "And it is the worst kind of war, since it is cloaked by hypocritical neutrality. Russia is now waging war in a hostile country."

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—

On the 1st at 11.30 a.m. The barometer has risen throughout China and in the Philippines and falls slightly in Japan.

Gradients are moderate on the China Coast and moderate E. to S.E. winds will be met within the Formosa Channel and moderate S.E. winds in the northern part of the China Sea.

Forecast:—Moderate S.E. winds, overcast rain.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE BOTANIC GARDENS.

Kowloon, 1st July, 1904.

SIR,—Your correspondent "Trampus" remarks that "there are some, even Britishers, who, so far from objecting to the presence of Brother John, consider that he often adds greater interest to the scene." I think that a far larger number find him much more interesting when unseen.

Surely "Trampus" can find innumerable opportunities for improving his colloquial Chinese without resorting to the gardens?

Why not, then, allow those who do not love the Celestial tongue to have an outdoor resort where they may be free from it?—Yours truly, BRACHCOMBER.

FLOODS IN THE NEW TERRITORY.

Very heavy rains have fallen in the New Territory during the past three or four days, with results to the crops that, it is feared, will be disastrous. For miles the paddy-fields in the valleys are under water, with the crops beaten down flat or washed out by the roots. Now that the floods are subsiding the agricultural people have taken to the fields to endeavour to bring the rice into upright position again. In most cases their efforts are unavailing, for the paddy had reached a stage of growth at which, being in the ear, the farmers were hoping for sunshine to ripen it, and nothing worse could have happened at this time than these torrential floods.

POLICE COURT.

Friday, 1st July.

BEFORE MR. H. H. J. GOMPERTZ (ACTING POLICE MAGISTRATE).

THEFT OF BAGGAGE.

A man was charged with larceny. The complainant, a Chinaman, stated that he came here by the river steamer *Kaisan*. On arriving at Hongkong, while sitting on deck alongside his baggage, a man ran off with his goods. He gave chase and raised a cry. An Indian constable stopped the thief. "Two months' hard labour."

MAD WITH DRINK.

An Indian soldier was charged with drunkenness. When arrested on the previous day he shouted like a madman, screaming out that someone had stolen \$3,000 from him. He simply looked like a ferocious beast behind the bars of a cage. The defendant was fined \$2.

NOT FROM THE SEA.

A man was charged with unlawful possession of coal. Defendant said he picked the coal up from the sea, but, judging by the appearance of the coal, this story was not believed. The man was fined \$15 and sentenced to six hours' stocks.

BEFORE MR. J. H. KEMP (SECOND POLICE MAGISTRATE).

DYNAMITE FUSE.

A Chinaman was charged with unlawful possession of dynamite fuse, valued at \$5. A Chinese detective searched him on board the s.s. *Hankow*. Defendant said that he did not know what was in the bundle; he was carrying it for another man. "Fourteen days' hard labour."

NO DRINK FOR SIX WEEKS.

An European was charged with being drunk and incapable. An Indian saw the man lying down in the verandah of Thomas' Hotel.

Defendant told his Worship he had not touched a drop of liquor for six weeks. He was fined \$2 or seven days' imprisonment.

CHARGE AGAINST A NEWSPAPER.

The Editor and a shareholder of the *Sui Kai Kung Yik Po* newspaper were called upon to answer a charge of publishing an obscene article in their newspaper on the 12th May. Chief Detective Hanson prosecuted, and Mr. H. W. Looker, solicitor of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon, appeared for the defence. The article appeared to be a mock advertisement for hats, so worded, it is alleged, as to have a double meaning.

In his defence the Editor of the paper said the article was intended to be humorous, and he repudiated the meanings given to particular sentences by the witnesses for the prosecution. Mr. Gomperz reserved his decision.

MARINE COURT.

Friday, 1st July.

BEFORE HON. CAPT. L. BARNES LAWRENCE, R.N. (MARINE MAGISTRATE).

AN ENQUIRY.

Mr. Leung Kam, owner of the launch *Lee Sang*, caused an enquiry into alleged negligent navigation by the master of the launch *Cheong Lee*. He stated that at 1 p.m. on the 24th ult. it was reported to him by the coxswain of his launch that the defendant nearly caused a collision with his boat owing to negligent navigation.

The coxswain of the *Lee Sang* gave evidence that as he was proceeding from Hongkong to Yamnati he observed the defendant's boat on his port quarter. The other launch was going faster than his, and shortly afterwards it crossed and touched his bow in doing so. The witness stopped his engines, and no harm was done.

The coxswain of the *Cheong Lee* said that his launch was proceeding from Hongkong to Yamnati at the time in question. He did not see the other launch at first, as he was in the cabin having "chow." He came on deck when the collision occurred. He had been unable to find the steersman, who was a certificated coxswain belonging to his crew.

The case was adjourned till Monday to see if the steersman could be found.

SPORT AND PASTIME.

During the past week the rain, though very welcome as it replenishes our water supply, has interfered with all outdoor exercise. I have noticed some of the "real hardies" out in mackintoshes, but the man who will have his outdoor exercise in spite of the deluge proclaims himself a crank. Their name in Hongkong is not legion.

That swimming parties should go out for the evening dip is not incongruous. The biscuit, perhaps, belongs to the Y.M.C.A. for "bravery" of this description. On Thursday, during the heavy downpour, no fewer than 13 went out in a launch to swim. Members of this launch party arranged now number thirty. Each man pays \$3 a month, and considering that this covers two outings a week, tea included, it is remarkably cheap. It is worthy of note that non-members of the Y.M.C.A. may join the party on being proposed and seconded by members, and approved by the Physical Department Committee. Excepting bathing, the Association has so far done nothing in the way of sport. The fact is that during the off season one cannot really see what can be done. There is practically no room in the club for a gymnasium, and indeed, as the members of the Y.M.C.A. are mostly either members of the Hongkong Boat Club, or the Victoria Recreation Club, there seems to be little demand for one. The suggestion of young men in Hongkong going in for musical drill, etc., seems rather an absurd one. The committee in charge of the Physical Department will do well, I think, if they confine themselves to getting up teams for outdoor games. They will find plenty of clubs to knock against in the pool season.

I think I am safe in saying that the Captain's Cup Competition at the Golf Club will not be commenced today as arranged, the ground being under water. Before the heavy rain commenced the 18th hole in the "Dew" Cup was drawn, and play was started. A committee meeting is held called to decide what is to be done about the "Dew" Cup Competition. The best can be retained, it will be remembered, was not quite in order.

The past few days have been bad for bowls. In the first place men who take their exercise in carpet slippers—with a cup of tea and a little smoke at each spell—do not like rain, and bowls, moreover, absolutely refuse to roll across a heath. It is remarkable, however, what a little time it takes for the rain to permeate through the turf into the sandy soil beneath it at the Kowloon Club's green. The Civil Service C.C. has challenged the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, and the contest is arranged to take place at Kowloon this afternoon. The two C.C.C. teams are as follows:—

A. Gilson (skip), J. McDonald (skip), W. Brand, M. McEwen, J. Reilly, W. K. Woolley, J. E. Brett, R. Duncan, R. Jones, J. Smith and F. Robinson. Members of the C.C.C. are cordially invited by the Kowloon Club to witness the match.

Last week an international game of bowls, England v. Scotland, was played between members of the C.C.C. The English team was comprised of Messrs. Woolley (capt.), Brett, Coleman, Howell, Hickling and Robin, while the Scotsmen were Messrs. M. McEwen (capt.), J. Reilly, D. Gentry, Duncan, Smith and Brand. Scotland won the rubber.

The C.C.C., by the way, is making remarkable progress. It started with about 20 members some two years ago, and now it has upwards of 80. Next cricket season bowls will for the Club. I understand that Dr. J. M. Atkinson, the principal Civil Medical Officer, who takes an active interest in the Club, may captain the 1st eleven, and his example is likely to draw a few "dark horses" from the ranks of the Civil Service. It is pretty certain, at present, that the Club will put forward a team than hitherto.

Members of the amalgamation of the Boat Club with the Royal Hongkong Golf Club are now in progress, and a definite is likely to be arranged soon. The Boat Club has been rather deserted this week owing to the rain.

Nothing noteworthy has taken place at the V.R.C. during the past week, but I note that an announcement has appeared in this month's Aquatic Carnival, which will take place on Saturday, the 23rd inst. Entries close on Wednesday, the 20th inst. The events are as follows:—Four Lengths Handicap; Throwing the Polo Ball; Two Lengths Handicap; open to soldiers, sailors and police; Team Race; Water Polo. Ladies will be invited to witness the contests. It is hoped that a good number of soldiers, sailors and police will turn up for the event open to them.

Angling is a sport which is practically unknown and certainly unpractised in Hongkong, yet it is said there are some streams in the New Territory which have any quantity of trout in them. There is a kind of pike, too, that makes good fishing.

Turtle-hunting has become quite a craze amongst Hongkong sportsmen who can afford to indulge in it. Of late locally-caught turtles have found their way into several Hongkong kitchens. Among the latest to succumb to the attractions of the sport is H.E. Mr. P. H. May, the Officer Administering the Government, who just before the deluge began took a trip to Lantau Island and the Ladrone.

The construction of the new Hongkong Cricket Club pavilion is progressing, but very slowly. There is nothing doing in the sporting line at the H.K.C.C. at present.

The members of the Craigengower Cricket Club will play a tennis match, Kowloon v. Hongkong, on Saturday next, the 9th instant. The Cricket and Tennis Tournament prizes of the past season will be distributed, and the members will be "At Home" to their friends from 4 p.m.

In a month's time the Polo Ground will again be open. It was closed on the 1st June, and is now undergoing repairs in places.

Owing to Mr. R. H. Newborn, the secretary of the Hongkong Chess Club, having a cold he has been unable to complete his contest with Hon. H. E. Pollock, K.C., in the Chess Tournament for the championship of the Colony. Mr. Pollock has one game to his credit. I understand that the drawing for the second round will take place as soon as this is played off. At present the tournament stands as follows:—

Kemp.	Pollock.
Moses.	Newborn.
Pollock.	Fulford.
Newborn.	Swaby.
Fulford.	Danenberg.
Swaby.	Danenberg.
Danenberg.	Danenberg.

Weather in the Straits is evidently cooler and brighter than at Hongkong. By the last mail I see that almost all branches of sport are in full swing. Tennis clubs there are at present playing off tennis and croquet tournaments, while the Singapore Club have arranged monthly swimming races, 200 yards handicap, for which there are numerous entries. Football is going strong. On the 21st, the Civil Service beat the Manchester Regiment in a game of "soccer" by two goals to one. The Singapore Association Football League are soliciting subscriptions for the purpose of procuring a trophy (a cup or shield) to always remain the property of the League, but to be held annually by the club winning the competition. It has also been decided to give medals to the winners and badges to the runners-up. The League has been in full swing since March 1st, and earnest competition amongst the twelve clubs forming it for nine months in the year.

John Roberts, the ex-billiard champion, is still up North, but he may revisit Hongkong on his return journey. At Tientsin he played Mr. W. T. L. Way 1,000 up, conceding 650 points to the amateur. Roberts beat his opponent by 82 points. In other games Roberts' average against Dr. Irwin was 191, and against Major Nathan 25. On the latter occasion he beat Major Nathan by 144, allowing 620 as usual. His best breaks were 166, 116, 100, 95 and 91. Major Nathan's were 20, 15, and 13. Dr. Irwin has had the best of the bouts, his best break being 44.

Writing about Roberts, by the way, a writer in the *Sporting Chronicle* calls attention to a paragraph that has appeared in stray corners of the Press, referring to John Roberts and that eminent personage the Official Receiver in Bankruptcy. The paragraph runs:—"His Honour now made an order substituting the sum of £500 for that in the Original Order, the money to be paid within ten days." The writer comments as follows:—"To me that means John Roberts will forthwith return to this country. He has wandered long enough and home-sickness has overtaken him badly. It could hardly have been otherwise. Spoiled by success here, and fairly idolised by the masses here in England, he never knew how much it meant to him until he was cut adrift from it all, these four long years now. There is more money for billiards in this little England of ours than in all its expansive settlements over the seas. Roberts knows it now, and if I read that obscure little paragraph aright he will be once more before the British public when the autumn breezes begin to blow. What he will do, whom he will meet, and to what degree he has retained his form are matters of the future. It is enough to know that he will be among us again."

SHIPWRECK OFF PENANG.

NINE CHINESE RESCUED. Capt. Matthews, of Penang (says the *Ping* *Gazette*) has been the means of saving nine Chinamen from a watery grave. He was, as usual, on the lookout for steamers outside the harbour, when towards the morning, he heard shouts for help. As the sea was rough, and the night exceedingly dark, Capt. Matthews thought it prudent to wait till daylight, when he saw at a distance nine Chinamen clinging to the three masts of a *tongkang* that was below water. He immediately went to the rescue, though at great personal risk. The men were brought into port. They say that a companion of theirs is still missing. The *tongkang*, which did not have its anchor down, is still being carried along under water, and is somewhere in the region of the hulk. The body of a Chinaman was washed on to the beach at Wold Quay, and the men recognised it as one of their friends.

A FIERCE SQUALL.

A fierce squall, accompanied by blinding rain, struck the western side of Hongkong Harbour on Thursday afternoon. A ferry-boat crossing from Yau-mai to Hongkong had her awning stanchions and all, blown right off her. A water-boat going along under a heavy spread of canvas was caught unawares and had her mast snapped off like a carrot. Had the mast not snapped the craft most certainly would have capsized. Two sampans capsized and one became waterlogged. The Harbour Office launch rescued four people from the water, two women, a boy and a man. The woman was clinging to the keel of her boat, which had turned turtle. A child was strapped to her back.

A JOURNEY IN MONGOLIA.

The Foreign Office has issued as a Parliamentary paper, China No. 3, 1904, a "Report by Mr. George J. Kidston on a Journey in Mongolia." Mr. Kidston, who was accompanied by Mr. J. A. Flaherty, of the China Consular Service, left Peking in September last to visit Dolon Nor, the great trading centre of all Mongolia, between the Gobi Desert and the broken upland marked in our maps as the King-han Mountains. From Dolon Nor the travellers were compelled by the heavy snow to make a dash for Hailar, instead of carrying out their original intention to continue northwards as far as Fair Nor and then to return via Urga and Kalgan to Peking. Mr. Kidston's report contains much interesting information with regard to the country and the people, and it is illustrated with excellent reproductions of snapshots—an entirely new departure, as far as we are aware, in a Parliamentary paper. Of perhaps more immediate interest in connection with current events in Manchuria is the account Mr. Kidston gives of Hailar, the first important station on the Manchurian section of the Trans-Siberian Railway.

Hailar is divided into three distinct settlements: the yamen and its surroundings, which I have already described; the old Chinese town of one long street with one-storeyed mud houses in which the troops are quartered; and the railway town, with the station, the Russo-Chinese Bank, the quarters of the railway guard and some trading establishments and private houses. There is nothing striking about the place, and the old town is subject to serious floods from the River Hailar, which flows near it. There are Russian traders, Russian "drovshchiks" with Russian horses and drivers, and in fact, quite a large Russian civilian population. Hailar even boasts a Russian music-hall, but except in the railway quarter, which is very small and scattered, there is nothing European about the appearance of the place.

The railway is now so well known that any description of it would be superfluous, but a few observations made on the way may not be without interest. In June last I had travelled from Vladivostok to Harbin, and now I made the journey to Harbin from the western side: while on both journeys I traversed the stretch of line from Harbin to Newchwang. The chief thing that struck me on both occasions was the vast expenditure of money and the incredible amount of construction work that was going on. Buildings that had been commenced in June were now being run up, in every direction, barracks, stations, bridges, engine and machine sheds, water towers, and houses for engineers and employees, all of the most solid and expensive description. The guard-houses, which are situated at regular intervals of a few versts, were in many places being surrounded by high loopholed walls as a precaution against brigands, we were told.

In five months Harbin had grown enormously, and was still growing, while the country round the stations at Moakden, T'ieh-ling, Liao-yang, and Ta-shih-ch'iao was scarcely recognizable.

But all this growth seems abnormal. The buildings themselves are all either in connection with the railway or the military occupation. There is no sign of individual effort, of any growing trade, or of any increased desire to take advantage of the railway for forwarding goods. "The freight trains passed in four days could be counted on the fingers of one's hands; the sails of the bean-boats on the Liao River seemed as numerous as ever, and the long trains of carts still toiled slowly with their loads of merchandise to Newchwang."

There was certainly a great crowd of prosperous-looking Chinese all along the line, but these were mostly navvies, bricklayers, carpenters, and the small dealers who cater for them. These men grow fat upon the construction work, and give a great air of bustle and prosperity to the railway; but they are not a permanent population, and will probably disappear as soon as the building is finished.

Trade, of course, may come, but the Russians themselves profess no such expectation, and frankly acknowledge that the railway is merely a military work.

The villages to the west of Tsitsihar are often quite Russian in character, with log-houses, Russian sledges, and a fair population of Russians of the lower orders. But to the east of Harbin, with the exception of Russians employed in railway construction, the working population is almost entirely Chinese.

SANITATION AT BANGKOK.

The canals and creeks of Bangkok, remarks the *Siam Free Press*, are in such a silted-up condition that most of them are quite useless as waterways and means of communication. On the contrary, the constantly accumulating filth and stagnant water which they retain render them hotbeds, breeding all sorts of noxious germs and pestilential odours. Instead of being most potent agents of spreading disease, these waterways, if kept deep and clear, would be a powerful means of warding off the numerous scourges, in the shape of epidemics that visit this city periodically, and which decimates the population. The population of Bangkok is rapidly growing, which is another reason why the authorities should bestir themselves in undertaking and pushing forward these vital works. Though, as far as we know, nothing like a reliable census is kept in Siam, still we would be inclined to put the figure of Bangkok inhabitants at a much higher figure than 600,000, and therefore the obligation of the authorities to procure wholesome water and a sanitary system for their city increases in proportion.

THE TRADE OF NEWCHWANG.

The report of Mr. Consul Fulford on the trade of the port of Newchwang for the year 1903 has been issued by the Foreign Office in the series of diplomatic and consular reports Mr. Fulford says:—

"The net value of the trade of Newchwang carried by foreign vessels in 1903 amounted to 47,682,059 Haikuan taels (£2,765,516) compared with 42,692,135 Haikuan taels (£2,549,977) in 1902. With the exception of the year 1899 these are record figures. They exceed, indeed, those of 1899, if the large import of railway material in that year be deducted from the list of foreign sundries. This importation was, of course, for the Russian line and was quite distinct from the ordinary business of the country. Considering the uncertainty of the political situation throughout the entire open season from April to November, the fluctuations of exchange, and the competition of Dairen and Port Arthur, the year's trade was satisfactory so far as its bulk was concerned. Whether it was as remunerative as usual to the native merchants is a more open question. In addition to the above, Russian treasure to the amount of 2,539,908 Haikuan taels (£338,699) was imported, and to the amount of 2,287,639 Haikuan taels (£301,446) was exported during 1903."

A shipping table annexed to the report shows the biggest figures on record in the history of Newchwang, but a large proportion of the vessels entered and cleared were in ballast. The table shows that, out of a total tonnage of 578,757, 265,769 tons were British, 245,639 Japanese, and only 28,228 Russian. In a total export trade of £1,344,746 the share of Japan was £1,235,262 and that of Russia £1,324,947 out of a total import trade of £770,990 imported to Japan, while sea-borne Russian imports only totalled £1,234, and goods reaching Newchwang through what Mr. Fulford terms "Russian Manchuria" were valued at £23,633. Mr. Fulford gives the following account of the trade of Port Arthur and Dairen in 1903:—

"It will be seen from this report that the trade now carried on at Port Arthur and Dairen has not sensibly affected the trade of this port. As a matter of fact the business done at these ports is so far not Manchurian trade as understood at Newchwang. With the exception of a certain quantity of wild silk and beans shipped to Dairen, both imports and exports at the two Russian ports may be said to be unconnected with the ordinary trade of the country. The figures for the shipping at both places are large and therefore decisive."

"At Dairen 717 steamships of aggregate tonnage 230,227 tons entered in 1902 and 792 steamships entered in 1903. Imports in 1903 were valued at £3,310,664, of which total tea in transit for Russia alone accounted for £1,928,474. Exports were valued at £186,011, of which rice, beans, millet, and wheat accounted for £58,629."

"At Port Arthur 824 steamships of 557,794 tons entered in 1901, 980 of 760,755 tons in 1902, and 1,105 of 866,193 tons in 1903. No statistics are available of their cargo, which was chiefly supplies for the Russian troops, navy, railway, or population."

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

The report for the year 1903 states that the keen competition experienced throughout the year has, as in the preceding year, adversely affected the earnings of the fleet; and other circumstances, such as the strained condition of political affairs and extreme financial pressure amongst the Chinese community, have tended to restrict business and to limit the movement of merchandise. Freight rates consequently ruled low, resulting in a smaller revenue than for some years. The board have satisfaction in reporting that again the company has been fortunate in keeping any serious casualty and that the underwriting account has resulted in a substantial gain. With a view to limiting the risk, chiefly upon the larger steamers, cover has been provided, by which, in the event of a total loss, the claims upon the account would be materially reduced. The board have therefore felt justified in transferring £26,291 to the revenue of the year, leaving the underwriting account with a credit balance of £205,000. After making due provision for depreciation on the fleet (£160,953) and for interest, general charges, and income tax, the revenue account, with the transfer above referred to, shows a balance of £30,647, from which the directors recommend a dividend of 5 per cent, a balance of £5,553 to be carried forward. The hostilities between Japan and Russia and the general feeling of uncertainty in Northern China have had the effect of restricting trade in the early months of the present year, but the position has subsequently improved.

NAVAL NOTES.

FIVE FRENCH WARSHIPS. A division of five French warships, under Vice-Admiral Faure, arrived from Saigon yesterday afternoon. The vessels were as follows:—Flagship *Montcalm*, cruisers *Gueydon* and *Sully*, and the gunboats *Pistolea* and *Franchise*.

A WORLD'S RECORD.

A New York telegram says that the United States battleship *Kentucky* has made a world's record for the voyage from Hongkong to New York. Her average speed for the whole distance of 12,639 miles was 127 knots, natural draught alone being employed. The portion of the voyage from Madeira to New York was covered at an average speed of 13.8 knots.

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SHIPPING NOTES.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS. The C.P.R. steamer *Athenian* arrived at Shanghai at 11.30 p.m. on Thursday, the 30th June, and left again at 10 a.m. on Friday for Hongkong, where she is due to arrive at 9 a.m. on Monday, the 4th July.

The A.A. steamer *Himera*, from New York, left Singapore for Manila on the 16th June, and is due here on Friday, the 8th July.

WEATHER AT SEA.

The P. & O. *Benbulbin* from Shanghai reports strong southerly winds and squally weather. The *Erica*, from Hongkong, reports fine weather till passing through the Hainan Straits, when the wind became uncertain, blowing in fitful gusts. The weather was rainy and a thick mist obscured the horizon.

The *as. Biah Thien*, from Swatow, reports rainy weather and heavy sea.

The *Ha-sung*, from Shanghai yesterday, reports strong S.E. wind and sea.

The *Montcalm*, *Sully* and *Gueydon* from Saigon report fresh southerly winds with min squalls.

SALE OF A STEAMER. The steamer *Lea*, which arrived in Colombo on the 16th ult. from Barry with a cargo of 5,000 tons of Cardiff coal, has been sold to a new company, which is going to be called the *Lea Steamship Company, Ltd.* The new company intends to start with a capital of £25,500 in 410 shares. Mr. W. T. Symonds, of the English firm of Messrs. Symonds & Co., the former owners, is a director of the new company, and the objects of the company are to establish a line of steamers and carry on business as steamship owners.

THE UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE COMMISSION.

Further testimony before the Merchant Marine Commission emphasises the desperate condition of the American shipbuilding and carrying trade. Admiral Bowles, formerly chief of the Naval Construction Bureau, declares that American battleships and cruisers are built at much less than a just profit. He urges that the Government should subsidise the cost of building ships at home and abroad and pay a bounty for the additional cost in the States of running the ships. Among all the expert witnesses called upon by Mr. Lewis Nixon, lately head of the collapsed Shipbuilding Trust, seems to believe in free trade. Asked by Senator Lodge what would happen if all duties were removed from both materials and ships, Mr. Nixon said:—"We should depend upon our own material resources; American enterprise would get along just as well." But he computes that the \$26,000,000 (\$25,000,000) paid in subsidies by foreign nations are "just so much out of American shipping men's pockets." The Atlantic Transport Line built four ships in England and four in the States of the same type. The American ships cost 41 per cent. more than the English.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Messrs. Vernon & Smyth say in their weekly share report, dated Hongkong, 1st July:—Demand has continued fairly active during the past week, and in many cases a further appreciation in market values has to be recorded. The June settlement passed off satisfactorily yesterday.

BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghai have been disposed of to a small extent at \$690, and a further small parcel is required for the rate. The London rate has advanced to 267 10s. 0d. National continue in demand at \$38.

MARINE INSURANCES.—Unions are firm with buyers at \$45. China Traders after sales at \$65 are required for \$63 1/2 holders refusing to sell under \$64. North China, Canton, and Yangtze are unchanged and without business.

FIRE INSURANCES.—China have sold at the improved rate of \$57, and are in further request. Hongkong have again been booked at \$310 and more shares are wanted.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton, and Macao are quiet with small sales and further sellers at \$294. Indo-China have been booked at \$117 1/2 and \$113, closing with cash sellers at \$118. China and Manila have declined to \$25 sellers. Douglas are easier with sellers at \$35 1/2. Star Ferries have improved and can now be placed at \$33 1/2 (old) and \$24 1/2 (new). Small Transports have further advanced to 25 1/2 buyers.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars have been booked at \$180, \$181, and \$82, and close in further request at \$183. Luzons continue out of favour at \$9 sellers.

MINING.—Rauhs have been taken off the market at \$6.60 and are now required for at \$7. In other quotations there is no change to report.

DOCKS, WHARVES, AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks are firmer with sales at \$215 and \$213, and further buyers at the latter rate. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves have also improved in value, and after sales at \$109, \$110 and \$111 are now required for at \$112. New Amoy Docks continue out of favour at \$30. Farnhams have buyers locally and in the North at \$158.

LANDS, HOTELS, AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands have sold at \$158. Kowloon Lands continue in request at \$37, and West Points at \$60. Hongkong Hotels are easier with sellers at \$136. Humphreys' Estates have sold and are still procurable at \$12 1/2 (old) and \$4 1/2 (new). Shanghai Lands are quoted \$15. 115 in the North at \$158.

COTTON MILLS.—Quotations are unchanged, and we have heard of no business in this section. MISCELLANEOUS.—Green Island Cements are required for at \$294, and China Borneo at the improved rate of \$10. Watsons have sold at \$13 1/2, and continue in request. Electrics can be placed at \$14 and \$8 for the old and new issues respectively. Dairies have been booked at \$18 and more shares are wanted. China Light and Powers have been booked at \$8, and China Fireworks at \$9 1/2. Powells can be procured at \$10 1/2.

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TO LET.

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Hongkong, 2nd July, 1904. [1618]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

M. R. ALFRED HENRY MANCILL has this day been appointed AGENT for the General Managers of the Company, and in that capacity will reside in Shanghai, with general charge of the Company's interests at Shanghai, Hankow, Tientsin and in North China.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.
Hongkong, 1st July, 1904. [1619]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

M. R. JOHN ARTHUR TARRANT has this day been appointed AGENT SECRETARY of the Company.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.
Hongkong, 1st July, 1904. [1620]

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Hongkong, 2nd July, 1904. [1621]

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 197 (Special).

CHINA SEA.

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

SOUTH CHANNEL ENTRANCE TO THE YANGTZE.

Intended change in the position of the Gas-Lighted Fairway Bell Buoy.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in consequence of changes having taken place in the Entrance to the South Channel, the Gas-Lighted Fairway Bell Buoy will be shifted 14 miles South of its present position on or about the 15th July next.

From the buoy, the Tungsha Lightship will then bear N. 48 W.

Further information can be obtained at the Coast Inspector's Office.

All Bearings given are Magnetic.

T. J. ELDRIDGE,
Deputy Coast Inspector.
Imperial Maritime Customs,
Coast Inspector's Office,
Shanghai, 25th June, 1904. [1622]

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For Further Particulars, apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Building, First Floor, Canton Road.

A. S. MIHARA,
Manager.

Hongkong, 20th May, 1904. [1289]

A. HERRMANN & CO.,

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[1287]

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Canton-Hankow Railway.

The Development of Kowloon.

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Hongkong, 28th June, 1904. [1605]

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Care of Office of this Paper.

Hongkong, 16th May, 1903. [1267]

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Hongkong, 4th June, 1904. [1415]

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THE MANAGER,
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Hongkong, 14th June, 1904. [1484]

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Apply to—

COMPTON DEPARTMENT,
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Hongkong, 5th March, 1904. [430]

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Hongkong, 17th June, 1904. [1507]

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Hongkong, 21st June, 1904. [1611]

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Hongkong, 27th April, 1904. [1107]

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WING CHEONG,
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Hongkong, 3rd June, 1904. [74]

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Hongkong, 31st May, 1904. [1372]

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C. H. GRACE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th June, 1904. [1417]

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NO. 1, STEWART TERRACE, the Peak.

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THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD.

Hongkong, 28th March, 1904. [865]

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Hongkong, 28th April, 1904. [1119]

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Hongkong, 17th June, 1904. [1515]

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Hongkong, 3rd November, 1903. [74]

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Hongkong, 15th June, 1904. [1429]

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Hongkong, 29th June, 1904. [75]

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 4, Queen's Buildings, on SATURDAY, the 16th JULY, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of presenting the report of the Directors, together with a statement of accounts to 30th April, 1904, and electing Directors and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 16th JULY, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 30th June, 1904. [1604]

THE PUNJON MINING COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE PUNJON MINING COMPANY LIMITED, will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, No. 13, Beaconsfield Arcade, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 12th day of JULY, 190

SHIPPING

ARRIVALS.

June 30, CHINA, British str., 412, G. Hooker, Canton 21st June, Wei-hai-wai 23rd and Chefoo 24th, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

June 30, DEKAMOR, Norwegian steamer, 925, Scholvig, Curditt 16th April and Labuan 26th June, General—GILMAN & CO.

June 30, ERICA, German str., 1,201, R. Rickmann, Hongkong 28th June, Coal—JENSEN & CO.

June 30, FRITHJOF, Norwegian steamer, 891, Harlandson, Tamsui 26th June, General—OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA.

June 30, PARROT, British str., 1,229, K. E. Thoburn, Nowehwang and Chefoo 22nd June, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

July 1, HONGKONG, British str., 2,751, G. Phillips, Shanghai 28th June, Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

July 1, BIRN THUAN, French steamer, 953, Ribault Lagarde, Swatow 29th June, Ballast—BRADLEY & CO.

July 1, BOURBON, French str., 1,800, Antoni, Chefoo 26th June, General—CHINESE.

July 1, DAGMAR, Norwegian str., 383, Carl, Tourne 28th June, Coal—ORDRE.

July 1, HAILAN, French str., 377, L. Anderson, Fakhoi 28th June, General—Hollow 17th, General and Pigeon—A. R. MARY.

July 1, HANGSANG, British str., 1,356, S. Wilde, Shanghai 28th June, General—JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

July 1, KNIGHT OF THE THISTLE, British str., 4,266, G. S. Baber, Curditt 2nd May and Singapore 25th June, Coal for Japan—DODWELL & CO.

July 1, KWANGTAI, Chinese str., from Canton, July 1, LOONGMOON, German str., 1,425, Kalkofen, Shanghai 25th June, General—SCHMIDT & CO.

July 1, SHANGHAI, British str., 1,228, Carnaghan, Chikung 24th June, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

July 1, BARBER, U.S. torpedo-boat destroyer, from a cruise.

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July 1, DEWEY, U.S. torpedo-boat destroyer, from a cruise.

July 1, FROST, French torpedo-boat destroyer, 344, Lieut. Jelonne, Anam coast 28th June.

July 1, GUERDOR, French battleship, 10,090, Poullet, Camiguin 27th June.

July 1, MONTANA, French cruiser, 10,000, Gros (Vice-Admiral Bayle on board), Saigon 27th June.

July 1, PERCEVAL, French torpedo-boat destroyer, 399, de Roinch de Worh, Camiguin 28th June.

July 1, SULEY, French battleship, 10,017, Guilbert, Camiguin (Annam) 27th June.

CLEARANCES.
At the Harbour Master's Office.
1st July.
Congo, British str., for Shanghai.
Chib, British str., for Canton.
Derwent, Norwegian str., for Sasebo.
Hailong, British str., for Swatow.
Laertes, British str., for Saigon.
Maywind, British str., for Yokohama.
Fakhoi, British str., for Canton.
Progres, German str., for Hailong.

DEPARTURE.
1st July.
CHUNAN, British str., for Shanghai.
HAITAN, British str., for Coast Ports.
LOONGMOON, German str., for Canton.
ST. LEONARD, British str., for Nagasaki.
VEDRA, British str., for Balic Papan.

VESSELS IN DOCK.
30th June.
ABERDEEN DOCK.—
KUNIGON DOCK.—U. S. S. Pathfinder, U. S. S. General Abner, H. M. S. Sandpiper, H. M. S. U. S. S. Champer, Taiwan.
CONSTITUTION DOCK.—
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Captain G. Phillips, carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this office for Bombay, etc., on SATURDAY, the 2nd JULY, at Noon, taking passengers and cargo for the above ports.
Silk and Valuable, all cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped to the Mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed from Bombay by the R.M.S. "Oriental," due in London on the 15th August.
Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.
For further particulars, apply to
E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 20th June, 1904.

POSTPONEMENT.
DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.
The Company's Steamship
"HALLOONG,"
Captain Gibson, will be despatched for the above ports TO-DAY, the 2nd July, at 2 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
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General Managers.
Hongkong, 30th June, 1904.

AUSTRALIAN LINE.
FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, VIA MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE & BRISBANE.
THE Company's Steamship
"YAWATA MARU,"
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This well-known Steamer is specially constructed for service in the Tropics, and is provided with superior accommodation and with all modern fittings and improvements for the safety and comfort of Passengers. Electric Light and Refrigerator, Doctor and Stewardess carried.
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A. S. MIHARA,
Manager.
Hongkong, 27th June, 1904.

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, &c. VIA PORTS OF CALL.	BENGAL	Brit. str.	G. Phillips	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-day, at Noon.
LONDON, AMSTERDAM & ANTWERP	YANGTSE	Brit. str.	H. E. Kitch	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	5th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	CANDIA	Brit. str.	H. E. Kitch	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 8th inst.
LONDON, AMSTERDAM & ANTWERP	KINTUCK	Brit. str.	H. E. Kitch	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	19th inst.
LONDON DIRECT	HARDY	Brit. str.	H. E. Kitch	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 21st inst.
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MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	MOUSE	Brit. str.	H. E. Kitch	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	16th Aug.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	P. MARIE	Brit. str.	H. E. Kitch	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	12th inst., at 1 p.m.
BREMEN VIA PORTS OF CALL.	YARRA	Brit. str.	H. E. Kitch	MELCHERS & CO.	About 13th inst.
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LAGDEN'S LUCK.

(A STRANGE LOVE STORY.)

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CHAPTER XIII.

THE PRIDE OF JOSIAH LAGDEN.

The day had at last dawned for Mr. Clement Frith when he must give an account of his stewardship. It had been easy, the previous day, to declare to himself that everything would come right, and that he need not worry about a troublesome business; but an obstinate Providence had intervened awkwardly and Mr. Clement Frith found himself standing alone, with no one on whom he could shift responsibility. He still had until nightfall, and it was just possible that something might happen to lift the burden from his shoulders before that time.

He had been so much in the habit of depending absolutely upon Dora, that his first thought was that she might assist him now. But she had taken a very awkward moral view of the situation, and had not behaved at all well, so far as he was concerned. In that difficult interview with Josiah Lagden, Mr. Clement Frith might have lived his way very well out of it all, but for the meddling and altogether unnecessary honesty of Dora. Then, again, this morning, at the time when Mr. Clement Frith most needed support, he found that his daughter was gone.

"It's very inconsiderate," muttered Mr. Clement Frith petulantly. "After all I've done for my family, and the sacrifices I have made for them, and the dangers into which I have not hesitated to fling myself on their account—after all this it's monstrous that I should be treated in this fashion. It's the way of the world," he added bitterly—"they scuffle when the danger comes."

So that it will be understood that he was in no very amiable frame of mind when Dora presently came in. More than that, it happened that he had been looking disconsolately out of the window, and had seen Frank Dorne part from Dora, and go slowly away across the square. The moral nature of Mr. Clement Frith was roused, and it was a very stern and relentless parent that faced Dora, when she met him in the room.

"Dora—I am not at all pleased with you," said Mr. Frith, without looking at her. "What right have you—a married woman—to be walking about London—"

"Father!" That was all she said—but her eyes were uncomfortable things to look at. Mr. Clement Frith tried to look at them for a moment, but gave it up.

"Oh yes—it's all very well," he went on, in an aggrieved tone. "Your poor old father may be imposed upon by scoundrels—his very life may be in jeopardy—yet what does it matter? What will anyone care, if his name appears in the papers, and he is openly shown to have been connected with this mysterious murder—"

"Wouldn't it be better if we talked of practical things, father?" she said quietly. "Wouldn't it be better if we remembered that there were others, to whom, perhaps, we owe some duty?"

"Man's first duty is to himself," said Mr. Clement Frith. "The world has not been kind to me; but it shall tread upon me no longer; I refuse to be crucified. More than that I refuse to be dragged into a criminal deed over a matter that really does not concern me. I decline to say anything more, Dora; I shall act."

Dora knew her father pretty well; she raised a face of alarm to his. "Father—promise me that you won't stir in the matter until you know what I have done."

"My dear child I will promise nothing," said Mr. Clement Frith obstinately. "I will not be degraded in my own home; I will show you all that I—the man who has built up your fortunes for you, and kept a roof above your head—I will show you that I am not to be dictated to."

She could get nothing further out of him; he felt that his position was not quite secure enough for argument. So he tried to go about the duties which claimed her, until the time should come, at night, when that appointment with Lagden must be kept. There was no doubt in her mind for a moment that Lagden had murdered the dealer; nevertheless, she had made a promise; and, in her own staunch little soul, had determined she would not break that promise. Above all other things, too, the man was in imminent danger, and must be warned.

Meanwhile, we have to deal with Mr. Clement Frith. We have to remember that, throughout his long life, he had at all times shirked responsibility, and had endeavored, as far as possible, to float along the stream of life propelled by others. His coward's heart told him that he was in imminent danger: the man who had, to all appearances, committed this murder, had done so with one object—that of securing the diamond. Now, Mr. Clement Frith had had that diamond, and had placed it, in return for the receipt for that diamond, which was still in his possession, he had given the unfortunate Pipe his own receipt for one hundred pounds, and had acknowledged what it was for. If that were true, and Lagden, for purposes of his own, cared to denounce him, he was a lost man. For his own protection, he must move, and that quickly.

Behold him, then, setting out from the house on some secret quest; stealing away from it, in fact, as though he did not wish his departure to be observed. Behold him coming back, later in the afternoon (a little elated, and with the ashamed face he dared not turn to the girl somewhat inflamed) and entering the house with as jaunty a step as he could assume at short notice. For, by that time, the thing was done, and there was no going back.

"My child," he said, with a smile. "I have arranged everything. All is well: to-day it is a question of resuming our old lives, and refusing to be mixed up with criminals."

"What have you done, father?" she asked, in some alarm.

"My dear Dora—I have, as usual, gone to the root of the matter. I have asked myself one or two important questions—vital questions—concerning this man whom you have the misfortune to call husband, and his associates. Finally, I have said to myself—Clement Frith—are you justified in allowing your daughter's pure name to be dragged in the mire? Is she, Clement, to be for ever associated with those at whom her sainted mother would have shuddered? Can I, in effect, meet that sainted mother, in Fields of perpetual bloom, and look into her eyes, and tell her what has happened?"

"No," he decided, "it is utterly repugnant to my feelings. Nerved with the thought of my sufferings, my child—I have paid a visit to Scotland Yard."

She recoiled from him, as though he had struck her; came back, and looked at him, with a sudden strange fury blazing in her eyes.

"How dared you!" she exclaimed. "I'm ashamed of myself to say it, after all these years—but you are wicked—wicked—wicked!" She stamped her foot each time she said the word. "I've told and slaved for you; I've been proud to think that you might walk about like a gentleman with the money I had earned in your pocket; I never minded that at all. To save yourself, you are willing to sacrifice this man, whose name I bear; I never should have borne it, but for your sake, and because I thought, as you had told me, that that little ceremony would help us all, and save us from the perpetual struggle against poverty we had had so long. But you shan't do it—you shan't do it!"

"What do you mean?" asked Mr. Clement Frith, weakly. "What are you going to do?"

"It's wrong, I know—but I am going to save him," replied the girl. "I hope some day I'll be able to tell you that I'm sorry for having said this to you, father dear," she added, with sudden contrition—"but I mean every word of it now—every single word of it."

She left her father in a state of supreme astonishment, from which it took him many hours to recover; and went off to her own room, to decide what was to be done. She was powerless at the moment; if she attempted to seek Lagden before nightfall, she might be bringing upon him the very disaster she desired to avert. Again, she wanted Frank Dorne to lean upon, and to seek advice from; and he would not reach the house until very late. Finally, a new thought striking her, she ran down again to her father.

"Father," she cried, bursting in upon him—"what time are they going to the house?"

"After dark, I believe," said Mr. Clement Frith coldly.

"There was that time then, at least, left to her; she could only hope that Frank Dorne would come earlier than he had originally promised. The day wore on, and Dora waited, with growing impatience, for the night. If, at any time, she tried to dismiss from her mind the thought of that foreman, hunted outcast, whose name she bore, she found it impossible to do so—found that she could not forget that he had relied on her and believed her, without question.

Dora was not the only one in the house with whom the hours seemed to drag a slow course. Perhaps the most perplexed of any within the walls of the little house in Dispose Square was Miss Jane Nudds; perhaps the most startled of any was that same young lady, when, happening to glance up into the Square during the afternoon, she saw Mr. Jake Mealing sauntering along, on the opposite side, by the railings which surrounded the little centre garden.

Of course Jane Nudds knew what he wanted; but she had to weigh many points, before she could decide what to do. She firmly believed that Jake was here for the murder of the dealer, in the little shop in Moon Street; she carried the evidence of that in her pocket. More than that, she knew that the murder was in some curious way, connected with Mr. Clement Frith's movements, and also with her young mistress. Drastic methods appealed most to the crude mind of Miss Jane Nudds; and her one desire, at that time, was to get rid of the thing that had seemed to have caused so much trouble; and, above all, not to let that chance admirer of hers put himself into further difficulties concerning it.

She gained permission from Dora to go out that evening; meaning, if the truth be told, to have it out with Mr. Jake Mealing, and be done with the business for ever. Bitterly she repeated over having been drawn aside, even for a moment, from the good and sterling blandishments of the butcher's boy, or the baker's boy, finally she made up her mind to make no more hurried acquaintanceships.

Accordingly, a little before the hour at which Frank Dorne was to keep his appointment outside the house, Miss Nudds, with a beating heart but with a very fixed determination regarding what she meant to do, emerged from the house, and sauntered across the Square. Becoming aware of a certain black and stealthy shadow following her, she took apparently no notice of it, but went on her way with a jaunty step. Presently the shadow drew up alongside, and the voice of Mr. Jake Mealing came huskily out of the twilight.

"Evening, Miss," he said. "Ain't forgot yer 'umble, I do 'ope."

Miss Nudds gave a gentle start, and looked round with a smile. "Goodness me!" she exclaimed—"ow people do pop up!"

"I've bin waitin' for you to pop up all day," said Mr. Mealing. "That's the worst of trustin' things to gels; you never know wot to expect."

"You expect a good deal too much, young man," said Miss Nudds severely. "You've got a lot to learn, afore you understands the sects."

If my pore farver wasn't in Kensal Green, 'd give you such a lesson about 'ow to talk to people."

"Never mind about any of your family," said Mr. Jake Mealing, in a low voice. "I give you something last night; ave yer got it?"

The look of surprise on the face of Miss Jane Nudds was remarkable. While Mr. Mealing watched her, a faint light seemed to steal over her features, and she stopped, and faced him.

"Why—so you did!" she cried. "If that ain't like me; never could 'old anything in my mind for two t'wos. The slaps I've ad as a kid for it—well, you wouldn't believe!"

"I wouldn't talk so much, if I was you," said Mr. Mealing. "I'd like to see that little parcel I give yer."

"I've got to reckon wot I've done wiv it first," said Miss Nudds thoughtfully. "If you could walk on a little way, I'm sure to remember."

Within the next five minutes, Miss Jane Nudds did some hard thinking. Her one thought was to get rid of the stone; she saw no way of doing it. All at once, as they walked along, an inspiration came to her.

In a street through which they were passing a great flare of light shone against the evening sky, and a gang of men were working at one side of the road. That side of the road had been torn up, and a crane, fixed behind a temporary barrier, was being pushed this way and that, by a little mooring, pushing engine. Far down below, in a sort of square well, some excavation work had been going on. Miss Nudds stopped, all eager attention in a moment. She spoke to one of the gang of navvies standing about the mouth of the shaft, and the men answered her civilly enough.

"Workin' a bit late—ain't yer?" asked Miss Nudds, leaning over the barrier, and looking down into the depths of the shaft.

"I ain't sorry," said the man, as he leant on his spade for a moment. "It's given me a chance of seein' a pretty gal, once in a way. Wouldn't 'ave missed you, my dear, for a lot."

"You'll miss me more 'en I'm gone," retorted Miss Nudds. "Anybody down there?" She pointed towards the shaft.

"Simply chucking the dirt in—eh?" asked Miss Nudds carelessly.

"That's it," said the man. "I'd like to drop a stone in—they say it's lucky."

"I'd like to drop a stone in—they say it's lucky," said Miss Nudds, with a smile. Then, as the man, with a laugh, picked up a pebble, and rubbed it on his thigh, and gave it to her, she leant over the barrier and dropped it down.

But not that alone. Something else dropped from the hand of Miss Nudds—something wrapped in dingy coverings—something that had been like a dead weight in her pocket all day.

She looked back when she had gone a few yards, and saw the sturdy navvies working hard, by the flaring light, to fill in the shaft, and cover the diamond—for a few years at least—from the sight of men.

Meanwhile, to one weary watcher at best the day went slowly enough. Josiah Lagden, in that gaunt empty house in Jubilee Terrace, Kilburn, strained his ears for every knock in the quiet street; heard whispers all about him; and was often afraid to look out of the window. He had had no opportunity for getting a newspaper, and knew nothing of the tragic events of the previous night; all he could do was to wait, until such time as Dora or her father should put in an appearance.

He had managed to secure the house as a hiding place, by the simple process of paying down a little money, and getting the key. The house was one of a row of small and unpretentious dwellings, which backed on to the railway; that is to say, it had a short strip of garden behind it, with a rotten, rusty fence at one end, on the top of an embankment; down below ran the broad lines of rails, along which thundering trains went, at all hours of the day and night. Once or twice that evening, Lagden went out to the end of this strip of ground, and leaned over the fence, and looked down. A little distance along the line, to the right, he saw the gleaming lights of a station; and was quite clear in his own mind as to what he would do.

"Once get the thing—and I'll clear out of this—not by the front door—but down here," he thought, as he looked down the slope of brick work to the lines beneath. "I can get along the line to the station, and slip on, without being seen; let me once get to Watford, or some such place as that, and I'll be clear away, before they know in what direction I've gone. It won't do to go to the terminus; that's always dangerous."

He had some rough food with him, and he employed his time in eating it. But always those trains had a fascination for him; if he heard the distant shriek of one, he would hurry out, to see the long train, studded with gleaming lights, flash by. And so the hour drew on when Clement Frith or his daughter were to keep the appointment the girl had made.

To his credit be it said, he never lost faith in her. He knew that she would come; he was certain of it. So strong was that feeling, that, even in that hour of danger, when he knew himself to be a hunted man—haunted alike by the Law, and by his fellow criminals—he would have faced anything, to prove the truth of that belief; would, in any case, have remained there until she came.

A knock at the door at last—a muffled knock. He crept to it, in the darkness of the passage, and listened. The knock sounded again—and, remembering that no one but the girl and her father could possibly know where he was, he smiled to himself at the thought of his unnecessary fears, and unfastened the door. A figure glided in, and closed the door.

"Now—Josiah Lagden—let's see your face," said a voice he knew.

He retreated down the passage, and into a room. There, groping with his hands, and keeping his face straight towards the direction

from which the voice had come, he got a light and saw, over the top of it, the smiling face of Mr. Jim Cowie.

"You didn't think I should find you—did you?" asked Cowie, with a grin nod. "That's where you fellows blunder; you don't understand what it all means, or how to play the game, and you've been told. I like boldness—and, by Heaven—you stick at nothing! Come—I'm here to take what you have taken; I want the diamond. You killed Pipe the dealer for it; if necessary, I'm quite prepared to kill you in turn."

It was utterly impossible for Lagden to know what had happened, or how this man had become possessed of any knowledge concerning the stone. But in that rapid moment or two, during which he faced Jim Cowie, two points came up strongly in his mind, and he never lost sight of them. The first, that the girl or her father possessed the diamond, and this man did not know it; at whatever cost, he must find it out, for the girl's sake. The second, that he must cheat him, a hold him at bay, until Dora or her father came. By what accident Jim Cowie had arrived there, he could not tell, and there was no time to ask.

"Very well," said Lagden slowly. "Such men as you and me know that when it comes to a point like this, it's a fight to the finish. We'll say I've got the stone; get it, if you can."

During the few minutes that followed, Lagden had a dim and confused notion of fighting with that slim little adversary in the dark and empty house; he felt the gleaming train; the crash, as it were, ran the gleaming train; near him, he felt and heard the quick breathing of Cowie. He had an idea once, while blows were raining upon him, and he was giving blows in return, that there was a loud knocking going on somewhere, and the shouting of voices; then he seemed to plunge with the other man through a door-way. Some curious weakness came upon him—some memory of the girl he had to meet in that place; in all probability, he must have been half stunned by some blow he had received. Gropingly, while still he fought, he tried to get away; while the blessed air of Heaven upon his face, as he ran through the garden at the back of the house.

Then, once again, Cowie was upon him; and, locked together, and fighting fiercely, they fell with a crash against the crazy fence at the end of it. The fence gave way; and he seemed to fall, with the other man clinging to him, down a great distance. Then that thundering on the earth again—a shriek and a whistling—and oblivion.

He woke up, with lights about him, and strange faces looking curiously at him. There were unformed men there, standing in a little half circle at one side of the room; something was supporting his head; and, never had that head been so heavy or so weary before. Raising his eyes, he saw, just above him, the face of the girl looking down at him.

"Remember that he has only a few minutes," said a voice he did not know. "If you have anything to say to him—be quick."

"Cowie—where is he?" asked Lagden, in a whisper.

"They tell me he got away, in some miraculous fashion, and made off across the lines," said Dora. "Don't mind about him. Tell me of yourself."

"There ain't much to tell," he said, with a slow smile. "The—the diamond—have you got it?"

"Tell me the truth now," she whispered.

"You are dying."

"I know. I've risked a lot for the diamond—she bent her head lower, and whispered again. "The man to whom my father took the stone—Pipe, the dealer—was murdered last night. Won't you tell me the truth?"

He looked up into her eyes, fully and clearly. In this last hour, all the cunning had gone out of them; they were not bad eyes to look into at all. "Not me," he whispered. "I've waited here all night, and all day, for you. Not me—there's a God above!"

She gave him a strange answer; in her sudden relief, and in her desperate pity for him, she bent her head lower yet, and touched his lips with hers. "I believe you," she said.

He raised himself a little in her arms, and looked round upon the men. "You're all late," he said, with a smile. "Take heed, all of you," he added, in a stronger voice—"take heed of what I'm going to say. I'm dirt of the dirt—low as they say. To serve my own vile ends I took this child, and bound her life to mine, and gave her a name that wasn't fit for a dog to wear. Through sin, and bad luck, and poverty she shines out, like a star; if, by God's mercy, she may say a prayer for me, I may win to something higher than I hope to get. Lagden's luck is out; but Lagden throws down his cards at the last, and gives up the game—prondly—because he's not so vile or bad but what she can hold him in her arms, and put her pure lips to his."

So, with those two faces close together—the one of the broken and beaten man, the record of whose sins they would never even know—the other, that of the young girl who so strangely bore his name—those who stood round waited for the end. At the last, he stirred in her arms, and whispered something to her they could not hear.

"There must have been—someone—someone as loved those bright eyes!"

She glanced up at Frank, who was standing near at hand. As the young man stooped down on the other side of Lagden, the dying man, with a last effort, took his hand, and that of the girl, and drew them together across his breast, so, having completed that strange betrothal, seemed to length a little in his throat, fell back and died.

[THE END.]

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